

# NEWS

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### **\$600,000 in Grants Approved for Desert Projects, Programs**

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) CDBG program. Included in the allocation is more than \$600,000 that will fund community projects and services in the County's First District.

"The CDBG program is particularly important in rural desert areas where it will make a significant impact," said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt. "There were many worthwhile projects – I only wish we could fund more of them."

The CDBG program provides funding for public facilities, infrastructure, housing, public services, and economic development throughout the County. San Bernardino County uses CDBG funding each year to revitalize neighborhoods, fund public services, repair and preserve housing and provide jobs to low and moderate-income households, senior citizens and the physically or developmentally challenged.

Funded activities are identified through a public application and hearing process and are prioritized by each County Supervisor's office and ultimately by the Board of Supervisors. The grant funding will become available after July 1, 2008.

First District funds will be spent on facilities and public service programs throughout the unincorporated communities as well as the Cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Needles and Twentynine Palms. The cities of Apple Valley, Hesperia and Victorville administer separate CDBG programs because of the size of their respective populations.

Some First District construction projects approved for CDBG funding today include:

Barstow Sheriff's station expansion project	\$150,000
Luckie Park improvement project in Twentynine Palms	\$93,000
Knott's Sky Park Recreation Building in Twentynine Palms	\$51,000
Activity room addition at Lucerne Valley Senior Center	\$35,000
Construction of a press box at Needles High School Football Field	\$25,000
Midway Park community building improvements in Lucerne Valley	\$25,000
Installation of street name signs in Wonder Valley	\$15,000
Yermo Community multi-purpose gymnasium improvement project	\$6,300
Sidewalk replacement project in Needles	\$2,200

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**CDBG Distribution**  
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Of the funds to be distributed, more than \$200,000 is being distributed to various programs throughout the First District that benefit seniors, victims of domestic violence, at-risk youth, the homeless and others, including the following:

Victor Valley	Domestic Violence	\$5,000
Barstow	Police Activities League	\$3,500
Victor Valley	Homeless Shelter	\$7,500
Barstow	New Hope Village	\$3,000
Barstow	Domestic Violence	\$3,000
Barstow	Youth Accountability Board	\$2,500
Barstow	Crisis Pregnancy Services	\$2,500
Needles	West Care Drug Services	\$7,500
Trona	Senior Transportation	\$35,000
Barstow	Library Literacy	\$2,500
Twentynine Palms	Youth Recreation	\$5,000
Barstow	Crisis Intervention	\$2,500
Needles	Senior Transportation	\$400
Barstow	Senior Hospice	\$2,500
First District	Legal Aid	\$7,500
High Desert	Domestic Violence	\$5,000
Barstow	At-Risk Youth tutoring	\$2,500
Victor Valley	Moses House Pregnancy Counseling	\$10,000
Barstow	Desert Manna Food Distribution	\$2,500
Big River	Senior Nutrition	\$5,000
Barstow	Senior Nutrition	\$3,000
Hinckley	Senior Nutrition	\$5,000
Victor Valley	Senior Nutrition	\$5,000
Lucerne Valley	Senior Nutrition	\$8,000
Phelan	Senior Nutrition	\$13,000
Wrightwood	Senior Nutrition	\$13,000
Piñon Hills	Senior Nutrition	\$13,000
El Mirage	Senior Nutrition	\$13,000
Adelanto	Youth Recreation	\$5,000
Twentynine Palms	Senior Services	\$7,500